

DOVER RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
June 13, 2005

I. Call To Order: Ed Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Present: Gary Bannon, Ed Murphy, Bob Carrier, Gil Hartman, Chuck Maglaras, Mark Hyson, Joe Tenuta, Pete Michel, and Rich Thorpe

Absent: John Sibik, and Bob Keays – City Council Liaison

II. Approval of May 9, 2005 Minutes: Ed Murphy made a motion to accept the May 9, 2005 minutes. Joe Tenuta seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

III. Citizen's Forum: There was no Citizen's Forum this evening.

IV. Reports – Advisory Board

The area to the left of the Butterfield Gym, as you enter the front of the building is now the Recreation Advisory Board's Adopt-A-Spot. Several members of the board raked, picked weeds, mulched and planted flowers in that area. Ed Murphy thanked everyone for helping out.

Chuck Maglaras stated that he had heard that some of the Dover Little Green parents are not allowing their children to play this coming season due to the rumor that a coach that was suspended at the end of last season will be coaching again.

Gil Hartman stated that he had a meeting with the Senior Football league about decertifying coaches or assistant coaches that get out of hand. Gil also stated that his recommendation to the Dover Little Green Board is that the suspended coach not be allowed to coach for Dover Little Green this coming season. Another coach who was involved in the incident would have a lesser penalty due to the level of his involvement and past history.

Bob Carrier stated that the suspended football coach is assistant coaching with Brian Cash in Dover Baseball this season. Bob went on to state that this coach has had incidents this season with Dover Baseball and it was brought to the Board's attention. Dover Baseball's Executive Board investigated and found that the coach was rough and yells at the players. Bob Carrier stated that there were kids ready to quit. The coach was put on notice by Dover Baseball's Executive Board.

A number of Recreation Advisory Board members stated their displeasure in the way that Dover Little Green and Dover Baseball is handling the situation with the suspended football coach.

Mark Hyson stated that he felt that something needs to be done about the condition of a lot of fields in Dover, namely Shaw's Lane Fields. Mark stated that the fields are in horrible condition and the City has done practically nothing to maintain the fields. The grass hasn't been cut and there was not infield mix brought in and spread for the start of the season. Mark stated that he is afraid that the City is building all these new fields and they are going to turn to ruin because there is no plan in place for maintenance of the fields. Mark suggested that the City look into subcontracting the work out so the fields can be maintained properly.

Reports – Recreation Superintendent, Gary Bannon

Gary Bannon stated that the 4th of July fireworks will be at the Dover High School this year. The Atlas Fireworks company received the three year contract to perform the City's July 4th fireworks.

On September 12 the Dover Main Street program will be presenting to the Advisory Board what there plans are for a special event at Garrison Hill and Tower. They would like to put on a performance to showcase the Garrison Hill and Tower like they did last year for the Pine Hill Cemetery. The actual showcase will be held on September 24 and 25, 2005.

Gary also stated that he had a meeting with the School Facilities Department regarding facility usage. Gary stated that the meeting went very well and that the staff is easy to work with.

V. Old Business

Maglaras Park Master Plan

Gary Bannon stated that there was a meeting last week regarding the Maglaras Park project. This Meeting was open to the public and the goal was to let the public know about the project and get their input for what they would like to see there. Everyone that was present had a choice to voice their opinions.

McConnell Building Renovation

Gary stated that the McConnell building may not be able to house the Fitness Center as Gary had originally planned. Other floor plans are under review to see if it can be located there.

Hancock Park Master Plan

Gary stated that he had a very good meeting with the Hancock Park residents regarding the Hancock Park project. He stated that 12 people attended. Gary stated that he also met with the consultant for the project and that the preliminary figure for the entire project will be \$145,000. The construction will go out to bid in the Fall and hopefully construction will start in the spring of 2006.

Fundraising Plans

Ed Murphy spoke about Fundraising to the Board. Ed stated that he spoke with the staff at Hilltop Fun Center regarding a Miniature Golf Tournament. Ed stated that Hilltop would charge us \$3 per person to use the facilities. The board discussed days and times that may be good for the tournament. The board also discussed other ideas regarding the tournament. A sub-committee was formed to help plan the event. The sub-committee members were Ed Murphy, Joe Tenuta, Rich Thorpe, Bob Carrier and Mark Hyson.

Shaw's Lane Dedication Plans

Gary Bannon stated that he has spoken to Pete Lavoie regarding the naming of one of the fields at Shaw's Lane – Sam Mick Field. Gary Bannon tabled discussion on this issue until the September Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

VI. New Business

Summer Schedule

The Board voted unanimously that they would not meet during the months of July and August unless Gary Bannon needed to meet with us regarding any issues.

Summer Programs/Events

Gary stated that the summer programs will be underway in the next few weeks and that he has enough staff for all the programs.

Dover Youth Football Special Revenue Fund

Gary stated that Dover Youth Football has asked to use their money (\$4,322.00) that is in the Special Revenue Fund for enhancements to the Concession Stand at Bellamy Field. Gil Hartman made a motion to allow Dover Youth Football to use the \$4,322.00 dollars that is in their Special Revenue Fund to enhance the Concession Stand at Bellamy Field. Joe Tenuta seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

VII. Adjourn

Ed Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Maglaras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Hyson